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A true report of a moſt famous victorie, *atchieued by a certain veſſell, called the black* Galley of Dort, vpon the 30. day of Nouember laſt, 1600. which at that time tooke the Admirall of the Citie of Antwerpe, with ſeuen other ſhippes, all *well furniſhed with munition for warre.*

Conſidering the Lordes the generall Eſtates of Holland and Sealand, haue thought good to cauſe to be made and appoynted a Galley, to the ende that therewith, and with the ayde of ſome ſhips of war, they may binder the Gallies of the Sluce, the which do daily cõmit great ſpoyle on the ſea: ſo it is, that by the conſent of the Lordes the Generall Eſtates, there hath bene made and appoynted at Dort, a certaine Galley being well prouided, with all manner of munition ſeruing to the warre, and alſo well furniſhed with great Ordinance. This Galley was called the blacke Galley of Dort, the which being wel manned with men of warre of Dort aforeſayd, was ſet forth towards Sealand, to the ende there to conuoy the Marchants ſhippes, which are to paſſe towards England, Fraunce, Scotland, and Eaſt Freeſland, or to any other places.

Immediately after, it happened that this aforesayde black Gallie being at sea, and seeing three Gallyes of the Sluce which had taken a shippe, which was compassed betweene two Gallies, being determined to carrie the same into the Hauen of the Sluce, the sayde blacke Galley hindred them of their purpose, and came presently in all haste to helpe the same shippe, discharging her Ordinance very vehemently at one of the sayde Gallyes, so that shee did almost vtterly spoyle the same, and made her gladde to slippe away. Then with all haste following the other two Gallies which had taken the ship, shee so discharged her Ordinance at them, that they were constrained to leaue the shippe, and saue themselues: so that the sayd Galley of Dort did release the shippe, and the three Gallies fledde away into the Sluce: howbeit, they were veris much endamaged by the shot of the blacke Galley.

1600. betweene the nine & twentie, and thirtie dayes of the moneth of November, the sayde blacke Galley of Dort, with three or 4. Sloopes which were with her, vndertooke a worthie fact before the Citie of Antwerpe, where they with a stout enterprise seysed on the Admiralles shippe, which was well appoynted with Ordinance, hauing in her fiftcene brasse peces, and tenne iron cast peces of ordinance, with certaine stone cast peeces, which Ordinance lay three rowes high: and the sayde Admiralles ship is of the burden of about ninetie lasts, being so fayre a ship, that there is none like the same in all Holland and Sealand. Likewise they toke also the shippe of Brussell, in the which were foure brasse peeces of Ordinance, with the shippe of Mechelen, containing foure brasse peeces: and moreouer, fiue conuoy shippes, containing euerie of them foure peces of Ordinance, which 8. shippes appoynted as aforesaide, were taken by the sayde blacke Galley, with three or foure Sloopes which were with her, they being in daunger of

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their liues: for when they paſſed by Oordam, thoſe of the Sconce thought them to bee Sloops, which carried munition and prouant toward Hulſt in Flanders, but they were other Sloops, which they had not expected: but becauſe they tooke them to bee friendes, thoſe of Oordam did not diſcharge their Ordinance at them. And our Galley being paſt the Sconce, they preſently aboarded the Admirall. The Mariners whereof, ſome were ſlain, and ſome leapt ouer-boord and were drowned, except two boyes, which they brought with them.

Thus happened it with the ſayde ſhippe the Admirall, and with the ſhippe of Bruſſell, the ſhip of Mechelen, and the fiue other conuoy ſhippes, the which were brought to Fluſhing, where they lie together. The Burgars of Antwerpe were verie fearefull, and did ſhut their gates, without opening them againe in two dayes, keeping careful watch, fearing they were betrayed.

In this worthie victorie, they got the ſayde fayre ſhippe of the Admiralles, the ſhip of Bruſſell, and the ſayde ſhippe of Mechelen, and the ſayd fiue conuoy ſhippes, in which eight ſhippes were fiftie foure peeces of Ordinance, beſides certaine ſtone peeces, which were in the Admiralles. And this is the Galley, whereof men did often talke, ſaying that it would prooue loſt labour for this countrey: but it hath appeared to the contrarie, by this worthie fact happened, as is aforeſayd.

This worthie victorie haue thoſe of the blacke Galley obtained, with ſmall loſſe of their men, to witte, there were ſlaine in the winning of theſe eight ſhips foure of our men, and fiue were hurt. Whatſoeuer they now are doing, with the helpe of God, the time will make manifeſt.

FINIS.

MAny at the firſt with the Galley did flout,
And ſayd it was a fooliſh thing without doubt:

But hee is a foole that a thing will blame,
E're men haue giuen it any name.

Therefore I haue tearmed this a Romane fact,
Becauſe I eſteeme it to be a worthie act.

A wiſe man doth paſſe his iudgement after the conclu-
But the foole will bring vs all in confuſion. (ſion:

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